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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Gertrud HÖTTEN et al

Group Art Unit: 1646 (parent)

Application No.: Unknown

Examiner: P. Mertz (parent)

Filed: October 10, 2000

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For: A METHOD OF TREATMENT WITH GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTORS
OF THE TGF- β FAMILY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 10, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓
Cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice and insert the following new claims:

--24. An isolated protein of the TGF- β family which is coded by a DNA molecule
selected from the group consisting of

(a) a molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in the SEQ ID No.
1, or the following fragments: nucleotides 128-1183, nucleotides 836-1183, nucleotides
128-835, and nucleotides 886-1183;

(b) a molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 3,
or the following fragments: nucleotides 131-1186, nucleotides 839-1186, nucleotides
131-838, and nucleotides 869-1186;